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NEW CASTLE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF STATE TAX REFUNDS

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that a New Castle resident pleaded guilty in Superior Court in connection with the theft of two state tax refund checks.

Tiffany S. Coleman, 26, pleaded guilty before NCC Judge James T. Vaughn, Jr. to two misdemeanor counts of theft based on false tax returns she filed with the State of Delaware.

Coleman was originally charged in a six-count indictment in May 2008, including multiple counts of attempted theft, theft and filing a false tax return.

An investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit revealed that during the years 2004 through 2006, Coleman electronically filed false state income tax returns in an attempt to obtain fraudulent tax refunds totaling more than \$5,000.00 from the State of Delaware. Coleman succeeded in obtaining fraudulent refunds from the Division of Revenue in the amount of approximately \$1,000.00. Each of the tax returns prepared and filed by Coleman overstated the amount of state withholding tax reported on her employer-issued W-2 forms. Coleman requested that the fraudulent refunds be directly deposited into her personal bank account.

Coleman was sentenced by Judge Vaughn to one year in jail. The sentence was suspended and Coleman was placed on probation for one year. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,009.00 to the Division of Revenue for the remaining amount of unpaid state income tax and a \$500 court-ordered fine.

The case was prosecuted by the Delaware Attorney General's Office.

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